Name of VIP	*Amount (Rs)*	*No of Journeys Undertaken*
Shri CM. Ibrahim as authorised by the Prime Minister	28,13,333 Total: 54,61,497	4

Replacement of INS Vikrant and INS Virat

803. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(b) whether Government have finally decided to dispose of INS Vikrant as scrap;

(c) if so, whether no proper use of the aircraft carrier INS Vikrant battle ship like training, instruction, exhibition or amusement was considered feasible or desirable; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been and are being taken to replace INS Vikrant and Virat, as they go out of service?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra have evinced interest in converting INS 'Vikrant', which was decommissioned in January 1997, into a maritime museum.

(e) ©Necessary steps to find replacements have been taken. The construction ot an Air Defence Ship has already been sanctioned.

Recruitment in Air Force

†804. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Defence had made announcement regarding recruitment in Air Force in the bordering district Chamoli in hilly area of U.P. in April-May 1999;

(b) if so, the reasons for not organising this recruitment drive so far; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.